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**Press Release**

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**Milwaukee man charged with theft of government property and making a false statement in a government matter**

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced that on June 24, 2008 a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Wisconsin has returned an indictment charging Roger Chipman, 69, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with one felony count of theft of government property and one felony count of making a false statement in a government matter, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, sections 641 and 1001.

The indictment alleges that Chipman falsely represented himself to be Roger Hansen in order to receive Social Security Benefits. Between June 1, 2005, and June 1, 2008, the Social Security Administration disbursed to Chipman more than \$23,000 in Supplemental Security Income benefits.

Chipman was arrested by U.S. Marshals earlier this month pursuant to an arrest warrant issued after he escaped in 1970 from a minimum security prison in Michigan where he was serving time for Indecent Liberties. Chipman had been living in Milwaukee for more than 30 years under the name of Roger Hansen. In 1996, Chipman was convicted of first degree sexual assault of a child and served time in a Wisconsin prison under his assumed identity.

The investigation was conducted by the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bridget J. Domaszek. If convicted of these charges, the defendant faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

It should be noted that an indictment is merely the formal method of charging an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government establishes his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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